

BACHELORS CLUB.

The Organization Already Has a Large Membership.

"Friendship For all, Entangling Alliances With None" is The Motto.

Just to preserve what they consider their right to do what they will with regard to the "happy state of connubial bliss," the bachelors living in Milwaukee, Wis., have organized a club known as the Ancient and Accepted Order of Peace Loving Bachelors.

The purpose of the organization is to fight all leap-year proposals.

The constitution declares:

1. The name of the club.
2. The purpose of this organization shall be to protect "all members of this club from all written, spoken, suggested or implied proposals or hints" of marriage or interferences from any spinster or grass widow that she has an "affinity" for any club member, or any hint, inference or suggestion either open or covert that either a "cozy corner" or a hammock "built for two" would be a good place to while away an hour or so "in the gloaming."

3. If any of the contingencies referred to in Article II. of this constitution shall arise in this year's life of any member of this club, whether active or honorary, the club as a body, shall lend its entire aid, assistance, and, if need be financial help, to freeing said member from such attentions or entangling alliances.

4. Failure of any member to report any such occurrence in his life shall subject said member to a fine of not more than \$200 nor less than \$10, according to how good looking the woman in the case may be, and to imprisonment in the grillroom for 30 days without a single highball.

5. Grass widows and widowers shall be eligible to membership upon payment of twice the amount of the initiation fee, but they shall be accordingly given double protection in view of the fact that they are thought to be more susceptible to the charms of womankind.

6. The motto of this club shall be: Friendship For All, Entangling Alliances With None!

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A Labor Leader's Wife.

Mrs. Alice Northup is the wife of the editor of the Quincy Labor News, Quincy, Ill., and is a woman whose devotion to the interest of labor is well known. She makes the following unsolicited statement regarding a well known medicine: Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill. Gentlemen:—I have used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for more than a year for constipation and indigestion, and consider it a most superior remedy for such ailments. As a laxative it is not only palatable, but has no griping or nauseating effect, but is very mild.

Yours truly,
MRS. ALICE NORTHUP.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by all druggists in 50c and \$1.00 bottles. It will positively cure indigestion, constipation and kindred troubles. Try it today.

SALARY GRAB.

Bill to Increase Executive and Congressional Pay.

Washington, March 1.—Senator Gallinger to-day introduced a bill increasing the salaries of the executive officers of the government, and also of senators and members of the house of representatives. The bill which provides the new salaries shall take effect March 4, 1905. The bill fixes the following scale:

President, \$75,000;
Vice-president, \$15,000;
Speaker of the house of representatives, \$12,000;
Members of the cabinet, \$15,000 each.

Senators and members of the house, \$8,000 each.

The Best Cough Syrup,

S. L. Apple, ex-probate judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by R. C. Hardwick.

PEOPLE WE KNOW.

They Are Hopkinsville People, and What They Say is of Local Interest.

When an incident like the following occurs right here at home, it is bound to carry weight with our readers. So many strange occurrences go the rounds of the press: are published as facts, people become skeptical. On one subject skepticism is rapidly disappearing. This is due to the actual experience of our citizens, and their public utterances regarding them. The doubter must doubt no more in the face of such evidence as this. The public statement of a reputable citizen living right here at home, one whom you can see every day, leaves no ground for the skeptic to stand on.

John J. Basford, cooper, of 766 East 9th St., says: "My back used to be so lame and sore at times that when I bent it was all I could do to straighten up again. The pains were always with me and I could not stand for any length of time without feeling them. I doctored at one time but did not obtain the slightest benefit. My attention was called to an advertisement of Doan's Kidney Pills and I determined to try them. I got a box at Thomas & Trahern's drug store and after using them a few days could not help but notice a marked improvement in my condition. My health is better now than it has been in years. I give all the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills, and strongly recommend them to others."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

GOLD DOLLAR.

Finest Example of Modern Coinage Art.



The Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollars, mounted as stick-pins and charms, are on exhibition at the First National Bank, and are for sale at the original cost, \$3 each. The bank is to be commended for its enterprise in arranging to supply these souvenirs to the public.

Cheap Rates.

To all points in Montana, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, March 1st to April 30th, 1904. Special rates to North Dakota in March. Write at once for information and maps, to Ira F. Schwegel, District Passenger Agent, Wisconsin Central R'y, 407 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Signed Agreement.

The Canadian Grand Trunk railroad and the Canadian Government have signed an agreement for the construction of a Grand Trunk line to the Pacific coast.

A household necessity—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals burns, cuts, wounds of any sort; cures sore throat, croup, catarrh, asthma; never fails.

Committed Suicide.

Hugo Brendel, a German banker, whose bank had failed, committed suicide by throwing himself from a window.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Castor*. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Died of Appendicitis.

Miss Mary Gaither, one of the most popular young society girls of Harrodsburg, Ky., died of appendicitis after a few days illness.

LAX-FOS For the Kidney's, Liver and Stomach.

Tremendous Cloudburst. A cloudburst in the foot hills of the Blue Mountains, in the State of Washington, caused great damage.

Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs, colds and grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. C. Hardwick's drug store.

PRAYER BEFORE SPANKING.

Recommended as Impressive Adjunct to Corporal Punishment.

I was a teacher for many years before the rod was prohibited and am well satisfied that moral suasion is "n. g." for reprobate boys, says a New Yorker, writing to the editor of the Sun. The best teacher I ever had in a country school, one who ruled the great mass of his pupils by tact and love, had to use the rod occasionally. If the present day schools fail to turn out well disciplined scholars—girls or boys—it is due to the absurd prohibition of corporal punishment.

But as "Old Timer" says of Dr. Anthon's discipline, it is wise to invest the ceremony with solemnity. The rod should never be applied in anger. That is sure to defeat the object and no doubt is the chief cause of its prohibition by law. Only in extreme cases should punishment be inflicted on the instant—so to speak. Make such an investigation as is necessary to be sure that discipline is proper, and then appoint a time for it, at least a day later, when any passion that the offense may have caused will be allayed by time and sleep, and when the culprit will have no other feeling than dread of the ordeal. The interval between the time of the offense and the execution of the sentence will promote repentance and disarm needless severity. Under such circumstances the culprit will believe, if ever, that the punishment is inflicted for his good and from a sense of duty.

If the teacher is, as he should be, a praying Christian, it is well to precede the ceremony by a brief prayer. It will do no harm and may do great good. The boy must be "tough," indeed, who, after a day or two of meditation on his offense and the coming penalty—the latter preceded by an earnest prayer in his behalf—can go through it all and not be softened into repentance and humility.

"Old Timer" speaks of Dr. Anthon's use of the rattan for bad boys. The rattan is not to be commended—it is too much like a wire. The old time schoolmaster's flat "ruler," made of oak or maple, is better, far better. If the youth is not large, the best mode, so far as my experience goes, is to put your foot on a stool or bench and lay the culprit across your knee, and then apply the ruler to "the seat of his understanding." If he howls and kicks, no matter. The pain will soon subside, and in case the ruler leaves an imprint it will be only temporary. Besides, the boy will not be in haste to show it to his father to arouse sympathy—nor to anybody else. It will be "a closed incident."

Occasionally a boy disciplined in this or some other way will vow to take vengeance on the teacher "when he gets big," but when that time comes he looks at the matter in a different light, and is more apt to thank than to try to "lick" his old master. Such revengeful talk depends chiefly on the thoroughness of the flogging. Few boys will indulge in who are thoroughly mastered by a judicious teacher. Byron, in "Don Juan," Canto II., gives this advice:

O ye that teach the ingenious youth of nations,
Holland, France, England, Germany or Spain,
I pray thee, flog them on all occasions—
It mends their morals; never mind the pain.

For the word "all" in the third line substitute "just," and the advice is good.

Famous Stamp Collection.

The magnificent collection of postage-stamps bequeathed to the trustees of the British museum in 1891 by the late Mr. T. K. Tappin, M. P., can now be seen in its entirety by the general public. The very rare and highly valuable stamps will be shown only on special application and under certain conditions, but they do not amount to many, probably about 100, including such philatelic treasures as a pair of the famous "post office" Mauritius stamps, valued at something like £3,000. A specimen was lately sold in France for £1,500.

Pride.

Pride is a reliable crutch only when it is made of hard and reliable wood.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Holland's Colonies.

Holland's colonies are 60 times as big as the mother-country.

\$7,500 Cash Contest

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S

Great New Offer Upon Receipts of Cotton at All United States Ports From September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, Both Inclusive.

Contest Opened Jan. 18th, 1904, Closes April 20th, 1904.

DIVISION OF PRIZES.

For the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of Bales of Cotton received at all United States ports from September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, both inclusive.....	\$ 2,500.00
For the next nearest estimate.....	1,000.00
For the next nearest estimate.....	500.00
For the next nearest estimate.....	250.00
For the 5 next nearest estimates, \$25.00 each.....	125.00
For the 10 next nearest estimates, 12.50 each.....	125.00
For the 20 next nearest estimates, 10.00 each.....	200.00
For the 50 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each.....	250.00
For the 100 next nearest estimates, 3.00 each.....	300.00
Total.....	\$ 5,900.00

Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest.

For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by The Constitution during four periods—the first period covering from the beginning of contest to February 10, 1904; second period, from February 10 to March 1, 1904; third period, March 1 to 20; fourth period, March 20 to April 20, 1904. We will give the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it take no prize at all), the sum of \$125.00.

The four prizes thus offered at \$125.00 each amount to.....\$ 500.00

TWO GRANDCONSOLATION OFFERS.

First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 188 prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$ 1,000.00

Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 188 prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer) coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$ 1,000.00

Grand Total..... \$7,500.00
In case of a tie on any prize estimate the money will be equally divided.

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Port Receipts Contest.

Subject to the usual conditions, as stated regularly in The Constitution each week, the contest is now on. Attention is called to the following summary of conditions:

1. Send \$1.00 for The Weekly Constitution one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
2. Send 50 cents for The Sunny South one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
3. Send \$1.25 for The Weekly Constitution and Sunny South both one year, and send TWO ESTIMATES in the contest—that is, one estimate for The Constitution and another for The Sunny South.
4. Send 50 cents for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY \$1.00 forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as ten estimates are received at the same time without subscriptions, the sender may forward them with only \$3.00—this splendid discount being offered for only ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent for ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered, THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED.

5. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE.

Secretary Hester's Figures Covering the Period of the Contest.

COTTON SEASON.	TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS. from 1st September to 1st Mar. (inclusive) of following year. The period covered by the contest.	SALES IN COTTON CROP. This is merely for your information and is not the subject of this present contest. It is given only as an additional aid to an intelligent estimate.
1897-98.....	8,333,862	11,199,994
1898-99.....	7,993,451	11,274,840
1899-00.....	6,843,134	10,383,422
1900-01.....	6,346,312	9,436,416
1901-02.....	7,218,179	10,680,680
1902-03.....	7,378,627	10,727,659

The figures above are certified by Secretary Henry G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who will furnish the official figures to decide this contest.

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Surplus on Market Value Basis..... 6,710,842.21
Total paid policy holders since organization 208,813,699.38
Policy Claims Paid in Kentucky, over..... \$15,500,000.00

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